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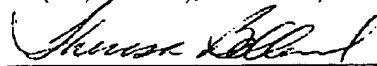
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed on March 9, 2005, requiring restriction of the application. The position was taken that the claims are directed to two distinct inventions. In particular, it was noted that Group I, claims 1-50, are drawn to an article for use in growing vegetation, and Group II, claims 51-54, are drawn to a method of making an article. The Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-50. This election is made without traverse.

Election of Species

The Office Action stated that an election of species must accompany this response. Election of invention-I is represented by independent claims 1, 20 and 37. By this response, Applicants elect to prosecute invention-I represented by independent claim 1 in this application. This election is made without traverse. The claims readable on the elected invention-I are claims 1 and 2-19.

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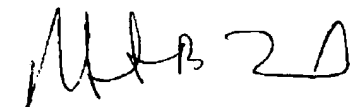
Examination of the elected claims is respectfully requested. No fee is believed to be necessary. However, should any fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 06-0029 and notify us of the same.

Respectfully Submitted,

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